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1. General

- a. The main centers of the Bulgarian wool industry are Gabrovo and Sliven, which produce 80 percent of the national output. The remaining 20 percent is divided between Sofia (10 percent) and the rest of the country.

- b. The total number of looms in the country is approximately 1,400 while the reels are divided between:

Worsted yarn - 30,000 reels
Woolen yarn - 40,000 reels
Large (sic) - 1,500 reels

- c. The yearly wool requirements of the industry are:

Worsted yarn - 1,000 tons
Washed Merino - 1,000 tons (this equals 2,000 tons unwashed)
Local wool and waste - 6,000 tons

- d. There is a shortage of local wool as the sheep population has decreased to about 40 percent of its pre war size of 14 million head. The Soviet Union, under her trade agreements with Bulgaria, agreed to deliver 2,000 to 3,000 tons of wool annually, but deliveries so far have not exceeded 1,500 tons per year.

2. The principal factories in the country are:

a. Gabrovo

Uspeh - 90 looms
Christo Raykov - 80 looms
Kalpazanov - 60 looms
Nadejda - 50 looms
Alexander - 55 looms
Berov - 60 looms
Troytsa - 45 looms

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b. Sliven

Stefanov	- 115 looms
Merino	- 60 looms
Sarayvanov	- 60 looms
Sveti Gueorgui	- 55 looms
Marinkov	- 45 looms
Freres Gueorguevi (old title)	- 90 looms

c. Sofia

Berov and Horinek	- 90 looms
Semerdjiev	- 60 looms

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